GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAINS FROM CENTRAL POOL TO BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar State Government has requested the Union Government to releasefoodgrains to the State from the central pool as per the total requirements under the public distribution system in view of the drought and flood situation in the State;

(b) if so, the total demand of the State under the public distribution system; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a),(b)&(c): No such request has been received from the State Government of Bihar. However,the State Government is being allotted a monthly quantity of 1,64,357 tonnes of rice and 2,46,535 tonnes of wheat as per its entitlement under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). In addition, a quantity of 25,000 tonnes of foodgrains (15,000 tonnes of rice and 10,000 tonnes of wheat) was allotted to the Government of Bihar, free of cost, for flood relief in August, 2002.